



GREENSBURG *First*
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

July 29, 2018

8:30 - 10:45 AM Worship

10th Sunday after Pentecost

Representing Christ as a Light within the City



*Indicates where you may stand if you are able.

**Four-digit hymns are from *The Faith We Sing* hymnal.

THE CHURCH GATHERS

PRELUDE

Aria

Charles Callahan

Welcoming the Light of Christ into our midst

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please sign the welcome tablets, pass them across your pew and back to the outside aisle where they will be collected during the Children's Message.)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Bring your lives, bring your gifts.

We all are welcome here.

Bring your hopes, bring your dreams.

Our hopes and dreams are inspired by God.

Bring your prayers, bring your praise.

We gather to worship in love.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

No. 384

***OPENING PRAYER**

As we gather, nourish us with your presence, Bread of Life. As we worship, fill us with springs of faith, Living Water. As we learn, inspire us with holy wisdom, eternal Spirit. Help us recognize our gifts and discern how best to share them for the healing of the world. Amen.

***THE PEACE**

With the love of Christ in our hearts, let us share signs of love and peace with our neighbors.

***GLORIA PATRI**

No. 71

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in God, Creator of all that is and all that is to come. In God's house are many rooms, and God prepares a place for us, so that where God is we may be also. We believe in God; we believe also in Christ who is our Way, our Truth and our Life. Through him we have seen God, who lived and worked through him. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who lives and works in us, so that we may do the works Jesus does and even greater works, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son, through the Holy Spirit. Amen.

REPORT ON ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Janet Craig

CALL TO PRAYER

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart (stanza 1)

No. 500

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth; through all its pulses move; stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art, and make me love thee as I ought to love.

(You are invited to come forward and kneel or stand at the altar rail.)

MORNING PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

TO HEAR THE WORD

***HYMN OF INVITATION**

Where the Spirit of the Lord Is

No. 2119

(Children are invited to come forward during the last stanza.)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:45)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Since we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth, O God, make us hunger for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 6:1-21

(Pew Bible: Pages 97-98 New Testament)

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

MINISTRY IN MUSIC

You Raise Me Up
Helen Turkalj

arr. Josh Groban

SERMON

Ardith Hill, preaching

TO RESPOND TO THE WORD

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

The Offertory

What Wondrous Love

arr. Kristina Langlois

*DOXOLOGY

No. 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

AND DEPART FOR SERVICE

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

No. 139

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION **Go, Make of All Disciples** (stanza 4)

No. 571

“Go, make of all disciples.” We welcome thy command.

“Lo, I am with you always.” We take thy guiding hand.

**The task looms large before us; we follow without fear;
in heaven and earth thy power shall bring God's kingdom here.**

The Meeting is Over, Let the Service Begin

THE CARNATION ON THE ALTAR is in memory of
 Pearl D. Crowell, who went to be with the Lord on Thursday, July 19.
THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in memory of
 Eric Tepper and Jack and Joan Kuhns by their family and
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Lauffer by Carol Constantine .
THE BULLETIN is given to the glory of God .

WE THANK THOSE WHO ARE SERVING TODAY:

- ACOLYTE: - Ryan Barr
- ALTAR GUILD: - Ellen Briggs
- LEMONADE ON THE PORCH - Marilyn McSparrin NEXT WEEK: Mary Hesh
- GREETER: - Laurel Sedlacko
- LITURGIST: - Judy Molter
- NURSERY: - Brandie Hirst NEXT WEEK: Carole Beam
- SOUND SYSTEM: - Tim Willcox
- TECH TEAM: - (8:30) Kelly Fullman (10:45) Cheryl Lennert
- USHERS: - (8:30) Bill Conrad & George Fagert
- (10:45) One usher from each team

Please lift our friends and church family in prayer: Our shut-ins, those in military service and all with special needs: (Please write prayer concerns on the cards in the pews and place them in the offering plate—requests left on for three weeks, unless renewed.)

Prayer & Health Concerns: Melanie Marody, Joanne Wass, Shaun Eutsey, Ginny Grandey, Mike Olbeter and Dorcas B.

Please continue to pray for our homebound, nursing home and care center members:

- Brookdale Latrobe:** Allan Pierce, Dorothy Rutter
- Greensburg Care Center:** Alice Murphy
- Westmoreland Manor:** Norma Gump, Charlotte Sonafelt
- Home:** Art Faust

***LISTENING DEVICES AND LARGE PRINT COPIES
 OF THE SERVICE MATERIALS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE USHERS.***

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 8:00 AM- 12:00 PM

- Sun. 7/29 **Read - Jonah 2:1-10**
8:30 AM Worship - Sanctuary
10:45 AM Worship
5:30 PM Vacation Bible School
- Mon. 7/30 **Read - Jonah 3:1-10**
9:30 AM Zumba - Fellowship Hall
5:30 PM Vacation Bible School
- Tues. 7/31 **Read - Jonah 4:1-11**
1:00 PM SPHS - Lounge
5:30 PM Vacation Bible School
- Wed. 8/1 **Read - 1 Corinthians 3:1-23**
9:30 AM Zumba - Fellowship Hall
5:00 PM SPHS - Lounge
5:30 PM Vacation Bible School
7:00 PM FPU Class 6- Chapel
- Thurs. 8/2 **Read - 1 Corinthians 4:1-21**
11:00 AM 12 Step Meeting - Fellowship Hall
5:30 PM Vacation Bible School
- Fri. 8/3 **Read - 1 Corinthians 5:1-13**
- Sat. 8/4 **Read - 1 Corinthians 6:1-20**
7:00 PM Ekklesia Worship - Sanctuary



EKKLESIA -- A COMMUNION SERVICE OF WORD & SONG
SATURDAY - 7 PM - AUGUST 4, 2018
FEATURES: LINDA ROSE - PIANO

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLERICALLY STAFFED on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 AM until Noon. Jackie Tepper will be filling in as secretary for the month of July.

HELP NEEDED AT WESTMORELAND COUNTY FAIR: The Greensburg District will serve the community by hosting the Hospitality Center (old country store in the center of the fairgrounds). Greensburg First United Methodist Church's day is Tuesday, August 21. Please call Pastor Net at 724-834-3111 or email pastornet@greensburgfirst.org if you are able to work a two to four hour shift.

Welcome to First United Methodist Church of Greensburg

We are so glad that you chose to worship at Greensburg First UMC. Greensburg First is a place for real people with real lives to develop and nurture a real faith. We have authentic relationships, relevant messages, and are committed to raising up the next generation as disciples of Jesus Christ. We want you to know that you are loved and accepted here. Feel free to worship with us regularly and to fully participate in all our activities. If you are new to our community or are looking for a church home, please make it a point to meet one of the pastors before you leave the building. Also, help us get to know you by signing the welcome tablet. We will be happy to help you learn more about Greensburg First UMC.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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OPEN DATES FOR ALTAR FLOWERS AND BULLETIN SPONSORS

There are open dates for both Altar Flowers and Bulletin sponsors. If you would like to sign up for a particular date, please check the clipboard in the sanctuary hall.

Cost is \$30 for altar flowers and \$20 to sponsor the bulletin.

Please fill out the form and return it to the office or drop it in the offering plate.

A WALK WITH WESLEY: Every Person in Ministry



**Fall Retreat at Olmsted Manor, Ludlow, Pennsylvania, September 16-18, 2018
First United Methodist Church of Greensburg, Pennsylvania**

This retreat is about getting in touch with our Wesleyan Heritage through vigorous searching for ways in which to fulfill our mission of “making disciples for Jesus Christ.”

Wesley and the early Methodists were particularly concerned about inviting people to experience God’s grace and to grow in their knowledge and love of God through disciplined Christian living. They placed primary emphasis on Christian living, on putting faith and love into action. This emphasis on what Wesley referred to as “practical divinity” has continued to be a hallmark of United Methodism today.

The distinctive shape of our theological heritage can be seen not only in this emphasis on Christian living, but also in Wesley’s distinctive understanding of God’s saving grace. Although Wesley shared with many other Christians a belief in salvation by grace, he combined them in a powerful way to create distinctive emphases for living the full Christian life.

Come away with friends of the First United Methodist Church of Greensburg to experience Wesley’s “practical divinity” in this most beautiful and worshipful space. We leave Greensburg at 1:00 PM on September 16 and arrive in Greensburg at 5:30 PM on September 18.

Total package (includes bus, meals, private room and all gratuities) is \$265 person. Space is limited.

Please return Registration Form (available in office) by Wednesday, August 15, 2018, to:
RETREAT, FUMC, 15 E SECOND STREET, GREENSBURG, PA 15601